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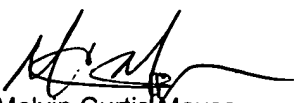
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DETAILED ACTION

Reissue Applications

The amendment filed January 10, 2007 proposes amendments to Claims 1-26 that do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b), which sets forth the manner of making amendments in reissue applications. A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue application is required.

Matter to be omitted must be enclosed in brackets.

For each new claim added, the entire text of the added claim must be presented completely underlined.

A new claim (previously added in the reissue) should be canceled by a direction to cancel that claim.

There is not supplied, on a separate page, the status (pending or canceled) of all patent claims and all added claims as of the date of the submission, and an explanation of the support in the disclosure of the patent for the changes made to the claims.

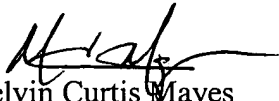
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Fiorilla can be reached on 571-272-1187. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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